



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1874.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times"

Attorney General Williams states that there will be no executive action in the Arkansas matter before to-morrow. The Attorney General had some conversation with the President on the subject, and it is probable that the matter will be brought up at the Cabinet meeting to-day.

A special dispatch to La Liberté, of Paris, dated Montevideo, 11th inst., positively affirms that the civil war in the Argentine republic has ended with a compromise, by the terms of which Avellaneda resigns the presidency and new elections are to be held shortly.

The General Assembly of Virginia meets on the first Wednesday in December. The month of December comes in on Tuesday, and therefore the Legislature meets on the second day of the month. Congress assembles on the following Monday.

Railroad freights eastward from Chicago have been increased by 5 cents per 100 lbs. on fourth-class goods and 10 cents per barrel on flour, making the new rates to New York 45 cents and 90 cents respectively.

On Saturday, Kwong-ki-Chin, one of the Commissioners from China to superintend the education of the youths in this country, visited President Grant, for the purpose of paying his respects.

Seven hundred forged bonds of Pittsburgh were discovered in New York on Saturday. It is rumored that there are \$20,000 worth of these bogus certificates afloat.

Cyrus A. Branch, a prominent lawyer of the Williamsburg bar was found dead in the road, near Barhamsville, in New Kent county, a day or two ago.

Forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars were subscribed to build a new Methodist Church in Baltimore in half an hour on Sunday last.

In Wisconsin a lively Senatorial contest is anticipated between Carpenter and Washburn.

The shock of an earthquake was felt in Santiago and Valparaiso on the 26th of October.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY FOR DECEMBER.

"Notes on Kentucky and Tennessee," in the December number of Scribner's, form the final regular installment in the Great South Series, by Mr. King. A description of the Mammoth Cave forms a large part of this article, and there are several fresh illustrations of this wonderful place. The other articles illustrated, either by means of pictures or diagrams, are "The Transit of Venus," "The Probabilities of Rivers," "The Silver Age," and "Rambles in Madeira." In fiction we have the continuation of Jules Verne's "Mysterious Island" with illustrations; and of Saxo Holm's curious story, "My Tourmaline," also "Jeannette," by Miss Woolson, and "In a Trumpet," a Thanksgiving story by Miss Hopkins, author of "One of Miss Widgey's Evenings," Mr. Steadman gives us another of his essays on "The Victorian Poets," this time grappling with that tough subject, Robert Browning himself. There are poems by Celia Thaxter and others.

In "Topics of the Time" Dr. Holland writes about "The Great South Series of Papers," "Christianity and Color," "Investments for Income," "Nature and Literature." The Doctor says that Edward King traveled in all twenty-five thousand miles in gathering the materials for his papers. In the department of Etchings there is an amusing account of "The Devil in Literature."

Dr. Holland's new novel, "The Story of Sevenoaks," will begin in the January number of Scribner's.

ARKANSAS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Telegrams from Republicans, received here to-day from various parts of Arkansas, represent that Smith's adherents continue arriving, and show a determination to maintain their position. Smith's government will be organized either at Helena or Pine Bluff, where the Republican element largely preponderates. The Garland government has made at least a hundred arrests thus far, including the editors of Republican papers, on the charge of treason to the State. The election of members of the Legislature under the Garland government, at which no Republicans voted, took place October 13, and the election under the Smith government, at which no Democrats voted, took place early in November. The President and Attorney General had a conference to-day on Arkansas affairs.

Senator Dorsey received a dispatch from the Secretary of the State Republican Central Committee of Arkansas, who represents that the white leaguers are doing terrible things all over the State, and that the Republicans are organizing for defense.

The Garland party deny the Republican stories, and say that only one arrest has thus far occurred, that of Price. As to Smith establishing a government at Helena or elsewhere they say there is no talk of it, and that Smith is still here.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 16.—Capt. John G. Price, arrested on Saturday, charged with conspiring with V. V. Smith and Edward Wheeler to overturn the State government, was brought before Judge Clendennin at Chambers to-day. After hearing testimony, the Judge discharged Price, on the ground that while the evidence showed a conspiracy, it did not sufficiently connect Price with it to hold him. The Sheriff returned his writ stating he had been unable to find either Smith or Wheeler, and doubt exists as to whether they are in the city.

Gov. Garland to-day sent a communication to the General Assembly, calling attention to the conspiracy and stating what action he had taken. He asked also that the law might be so amended that he could offer a larger reward than \$200 for the arrest of Smith and Wheeler. A joint resolution was introduced endorsing the Governor's course, and pledging the Assembly to stand by the executive. The matter will be finally acted upon to-morrow. The most perfect quiet and peace prevail here. If Smith has any adherents they don't make themselves known.

SNOW Pudding.—Into one quart of sweet milk put one pint bread crumbs, butter the size of an egg, the well beaten yolks of five eggs, sweeten and flavor as for custard, mix the whole well together. While the above is baking, beat the whites of five eggs to a stiff froth, add a half cup sifted sugar, pour over the hot pudding when cooked, return to the oven until a delicate brown. The above is excellent with or without addition, but some prefer a layer of jelly or canned peaches on the pudding before frosting. No sauce.

The Alabama Legislature met at Montgomery yesterday. Mr. Anderson, of Mobile, was elected speaker, and Mr. Phelan clerk of the House. The North Carolina Legislature met at Raleigh and elected Col. B. Mansfield, of Iredell, president of the Senate, (who thus virtually becomes Lieutenant Governor), and Jno. L. Robinson, of Macon, speaker of the House. Both Legislatures are largely democratic.

The strike of the longshoremen commenced in New York yesterday. There are six or seven thousand employees engaged in the strike. Hereafter they have been making an average of \$4 per day wages, and the contemplated reduction would bring them down to \$3. The places of the strikers were readily filled, and it is consequently prophesied that they will be the only sufferers from dropping employment at a time when winter is approaching and there are thousands of hands eager to grasp the opportunities of remunerative work which they have thrown away. The strikers commenced rioting yesterday afternoon, and attacked the men who were willing to work, but the police promptly quelled the disturbance.

Riots have recently occurred at several points in Poland, says a Vienna dispatch, on account of the forcible introduction by the Government of Church reform and the appointment of priests by Imperial authority. A number of newly-appointed priests have been maltreated by mobs. The local governments at the points of disturbance have been reinforced by troops from Warsaw, and a number of the ringleaders of riots have been arrested and imprisoned.

A dispatch from Cincinnati says that the first train over the "cut-off" from Arhens, Ohio, to Parkersburg, West Virginia, on the Marietta Railroad, arrived at the latter city at 12 o'clock Sunday night. This "cut-off" shortens the distance between Cincinnati and Baltimore ten miles, and materially reduces the time between the two cities.

Jersey City papers announce that Robert Wilson, secretary of the Oriental Insurance Company, of Jersey City, disappeared last Wednesday with \$14,000 of the company's money. Nothing has since been heard of him. The Oriental Company suspended business a short time ago, and Wilson has been disposing of the bonds and mortgages held by the company.

Underwood, a republican commissioner of registration, and Cohen, clerk of St. James' parish, Louisiana, have been arrested in New Orleans, charged with preparing fraudulent returns, it is supposed, to take the places of a turn-out not yet received by the returning board. A large number of tickets and other material were found in their lodgings.

Ex-Governor Seymour, of New York, has published a letter at his home, Urica, N. Y., in relation to the mention of his name in connection with the United States Senatorship, in which he declares his preference to do his duty as a private citizen.

True bills have been found by the grand jury in New York, against Coroner Croker, the Hickey brothers, and others said to be implicated in the death of McKenna, last election day. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the accused.

Fifteen hundred strikers in the carpet weaving business in Philadelphia, held a meeting last evening and proposed to the proprietors to submit to one-half the reduction of wages recently determined upon.

In the United States Circuit Court at Pittsburgh, Pa., D. D. Williams has been found guilty of embezzling the funds of the First National Bank of Comeauville, and remanded for sentence.

Gen. Emory issued an order for the removal of troops from the State House at New Orleans, at six o'clock this morning. It is generally believed that this movement is made in pursuance of an order from Washington.

The Mobile and Montgomery Railroad sold yesterday at Montgomery, Alabama, by order of the Chancery Court, was bought by the first mortgage bondholders for \$3,022,000. This saves the State from all loss.

The Republicans make an unexpected gain of a Congressman in the Ninth District of Kentucky. The full returns, which have just been received at Louisville, show the election of J. D. White by a majority of 500.

The semi-annual session of the Grand Encampment I. O. O. F. of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia yesterday, elected S. S. Child, of Harrisburg, Grand Patriarch for the ensuing year.

Bazaio, who sailed from Southampton on the 9th inst., arrived at Lisbon yesterday. It is understood that his destination is Madrid, where he intends to reside as a private individual.

The eastern end of Cuba has been swept by tremendous storms. A great amount of damage to property has been caused, and some lives have been lost.

Second Vice President Keyser, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was last week elected president of the Washington County Railroad, vice Robert Fowler, deceased.

A London telegram announces that shipbuilders and proprietors of engine works on the Clyde have decided to reduce the wages of their employees.

A bill will be introduced in Congress this session for the abolition of the Marine Corps as a separate organization and its incorporation into the army as a regular regiment.

The Philadelphia City Troop dedicated their thirty-five thousand dollar armory last evening, and will celebrate their one hundredth anniversary to-day.

Military arrests continue in Western Louisiana. It is dangerous for white people to go about much, especially around Coushatta.

The Philadelphia board of trade have passed resolutions opposing the Canada reciprocity treaty.

The telegrams from Central and South America report the usual number of revolutionary outbreaks and earthquakes.

The Government of Saxony has prohibited the practice of cremation in that kingdom.

THE AQUEDUCT BRIDGE.—It was stated in the Gazette some days ago that the subject of pressing Congress to make the bridge over the Potomac on the aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal a free bridge would be urged during the approaching session. Since then the following petition has been drawn up and is being circulated in the District of Columbia for signatures:

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: Your memorialists, residents of the district of Columbia and the State of Virginia adjacent thereto, respectfully represent that it is a matter of vital importance to the interest and prosperity of the District of Columbia and the inhabitants thereof, that there should be a free, unobstructed, secure and permanent road bridge for the passage of persons and property across the Potomac river at Georgetown, upon the stone piers of the Alexandria aqueduct. That the bridge now there is a toll bridge, over which a large portion of all the travel between the District of Columbia and Virginia necessarily passes. That it is the only safe, convenient or accessible means of reaching Arlington and the United States cemeteries there, and that in their judgment it ought speedily to give place to a first-class iron free bridge.

## Excursion.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

KANAWHA FALLS, NEW RIVER, W. VA., November 13.—Still at this beautiful mountain home, which Eugene Peyton, esq., the proprietor of the hotel, has made so pleasant for us and his young wife makes so attractive to visitors. I hardly know a spot where more beauties of nature and the pleasures of sportsmen are combined. We followed the Greenbrier to its junction with this river, which swells it to fair proportions. At this place the river is enclosed by high mountains and makes a serpentine bend, which presented in our rambles many and varied views, and the woods in full fall costume, combining the rainbow colors, are gorgeous in appearance. A ledge of rocks extended across its bed, which form a fall, which at this time is of great beauty and dimensions. From these the name of the place is derived. Birds abound in the woods, and a salmon just brought in weighs thirty five pounds, but fish are caught here as large as seventy five pounds. Ducks are visible now on its surface, and the crows of the gun show some of the party are now engaged at that sport. The juicy venison that appeared on our appetite at breakfast gambled yesterday on these mountain sides, which are refracted from the green water below.

One of our companions taken sick yesterday, detaining us to-day, but Dr. Kepler being with us, was sufficient for the situation, and soon placed him on his feet again.

I learn efforts are being made to make this river navigable to near this point at all seasons, but now it compares favorably with the best rivers of Europe.

If permitted to retrace my steps, I am reminded in passing the renowned Valley Forge that the conductor of the train kindly stopped for us to view this lovely opening in the mountains which admits the flow of the small stream that is to widen and spread until "it forms the mighty James." "Large streams from little fountains." As our opportunity in passing heretofore has been circumscribed, I have never before appreciated it as now. Only a wonder American seas the Alps, the Rügen, or even our own White Mountains, from whose lofty peaks and chilling snow-clad tops so seldom a view is obtained to compensate for toil and endurance, while here you can gaze upon such loveliness and dwell for hours in rapt contemplation. In contrast to those lofty mountains this little opening, with its sloping and verdure covered sides, seemed like a Queen come down from her lofty pinnacle and thrown aside her robes of royalty and familiarized herself with her subjects, permitting us to enjoy the loveliness of her countenance, dwell in the warmth of her smiles, and live in the music of her voice. It seemed as though we could converse with them, and felt a nearness so unlike the distant, chilly, far off.

We are off for Charleston.

CHARLESTON, WEST VA., Nov. 13.—We reached this city at 10 a. m. It is at present the capital of the State, but is not assured of continuing so, as there are many competitors for that honor, and the subject, at each meeting of the Legislature, is discussed. It has the appearance of rather an old place, but 35 years ago, when I visited it, very few houses were to be seen. It is situated in a wide valley, the Kanawha in front, the little Elk river in its rear, forming a junction below the town. They are straightening and otherwise improving its front streets, upon which we discovered several handsome stores being erected. The State House is the principal point of attraction, and was erected by some of the spirited citizens of the city at a cost of \$80,000, and presented to the State. We called on Gov. Jacobs, who we found busily engaged in his room at the Kanawha in front, the little Elk river in its rear, forming a junction below the town. 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